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MEMORANDUM

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FROM: Mrs. Karen Deneroff *Karen Deneroff*
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SUBJECT: Comments on the CSS PC Guidelines
for Classified Processing

The following represent the Department's comments on the CSS PC Guidelines for Classified Processing.

1. The guidelines do not address system access controls.
2. Page 2 next to last paragraph. What about need-to-know? Multi-user PC's that have hard disks present real problems in this area. Even though a person has a clearance, they do not necessarily have a need-to-know all information on the system or diskettes. Persons should not share diskettes. They should be individually controlled.
3. Page 2 Maintenance. Any maintenance by commercial vendor should be by cleared individual and on-site. We do not like the idea of off-site maintenance. Next to last line - what is the word?
4. Page 3 last paragraph. Same need-to-know comment.
5. Page 3 next to last paragraph. Unclear. Does this say we can go from higher to lower classification? Thought that was prohibited. Two different diskettes should be used. Transcription should be manual not electronic because some files could be coded to copy electronically but not printed.
6. Page 4, paragraph 3. Procedures for clearing memory have to be defined for each and every type of PC. Depending upon the classification level, it may never be able to be certified as cleared.
7. Specific agencies may choose to impose more stringent requirements.
8. NTISSC/SAISS is preparing (with help of Computer Security Center -) OA security guidelines for classified and unclassified systems.

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